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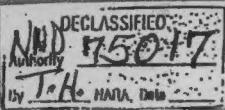
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- 1 Jan - 0025 "K" R. Arts plane flew over very low headed towards Niederautbach
- 0120 "L" reports S/A fire to right flank and one flare near Lauterberg
- 0145 "K" reports OP fired 1 round at suspectable object -- did not move
- 0205 "K" reports heavy vehicle, possibly tank, moving across right front OP #2 in direction OP
- 0400 Orange flare 400 yds. 14 point 4, reported by "K"
- 0545 "L" Co. sets up listening post midway between S and T
- 0900 Plane comes over, strafes and dropped bomb SW of town
- 1350 Patrol to 645 - has nothing to report
- 1405 Patrol went to 639 - report road block removed, condition mine field undetermined; enemy seen direction 11
- 2130 Bn. alerted for move to Maginot Line positions, Bigwig 3 to S-6

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- 2 Jan - 0627 2nd Bn. reports possible counter-attack on Berg, no details given -
3rd Bn. alerted
- 0745 2nd Bn. reports everything OK - action consisted of patrol, 1 PW taken
- 0755 "L" listening post returns - only noise heard sounded like shovel hit against tree, 400 yds to front
- 1030 S-6 returns from Bigwig - Bn. to move to Maginot Line positions starting 2000 today; Plat from "L" and "K" to act as screening force until 0400, pull out and blow Schlebenhard bridge; "P" Co. to set up in secondary defense positions with I Co., TD's and 1 Co. tanks and act as screening force until 1500 3 Jan.
- 1830 OP located Rittershoffen 158337 1/100,000 Wissembourg
- 2010 Bigwig 3 to S-6 - to continue improvement Maginot line positions
- 2225 Co.'s closed in Maginot Line positions

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- 3 Jan - 0905 Bigwig 3 to S-6 - to send billeting parties ahead to Weitbruch, time of move to come down later
- 1410 S-6 to Bigwig 3 - time of move indefinite, was possibility up to noon, time of Bn. remaining same positions but that is out
- 1420 Bigwig 6 to S-6 - Bn. to remain in same positions, billeting parties to be recalled; work of strengthening Maginot Line positions to continue
- 2205 Bigwig 3 to S-6 - Unit on right is being relieved by now, task force (Lyndon) to maintain liaison with Hdqrs in Soufflenheim
- 2220 Bigwig 5 - relief of unit on right is being done tonight, patrol will contact pill box on our right in "L" Co. area

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- 4 Jan - 0800 Improvement of Maginot Line positions continues
- 1020 S-2 returns from Bigwig - to reconnoiter possible defensive positions N Strausburg
- 1050 Bigwig 6 to S-6 - Bn. alerted for move, to be relieved by unit of 42nd Div. today; S-5 to go to Bigwig to meet CO 42nd Unit and show defensive positions

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- 4 Jan - (Con't) 1135 S-3 returns from Bigwig - 3rd Bn. in strategic reserve with Bn. to be billeted Oberbetschdorf; penetration of 6 Corps positions vicinity of Bitche by infiltration and withdrawal of Cavalry Unit responsible for shifting of troops
- 1155 Officers from 42nd at CP going over defensive positions and plans and making inspection
- 1745 CP now located 129334 Wissembourg 1/100,000 Niederbetschdorf 5 Jan
- 1830 Bigwig 3 - 3 enemy in MP uniform believed in this town; S-3 to Bigwig - to reconnoiter area for possible attack
- 2030 S-3 reports that only "I", "K", "M" will be relieved tonight; "L" and AT guns, wire section to remain position until relieved early morning
- 2115 "L" reports S/A fire direction Beinheim, considerable flare activity; civilian reports enemy civilian clothes woods near Soufflenheim
- 2245 I-K closed into area in Niederbetschdorf

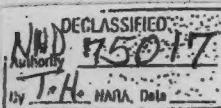
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- 5 Jan - 0750 "L" reports they are ready to leave positions, relief completed
- 0815 Bigwig 2 to S-1 - Guide to go to Brumath to pick up 15 trucks for motor move
- 1040 Bigwig 2 to S-1 - Trucks will not come from Brumath but to use those having 42nd Unit up here; 17 in all; if 18 to send 1 to Regt'l Hdqrs - send officer to Sarbourg to pick up
- 1135 "L" Co reported closed into assembly area in town
- 1145 Bigwig 3 to S-6 - enemy have crossed Rhine and captured Offendorf, Gumbshain, Herrlisheim, reported cut off and increasing enemy patrolling around Weyersheim; Bn. Co's meeting at Div. 0100
- 1420 Bn entrucks and starts motor move - S-6 to contact column between Haguenaau - Bischwiller
- 1610 Bn. arrives Bischwiller - to defend SE portion of town, "I" tied in with "G" Co; "K" on right, "L" in reserve to rear "K" positions
- 2030 Bigwig 3 to S-6 - plans for tomorrow, 2nd Bn to attack Rohrwiller at 0900 supported by 10 tanks; 3rd Bn. to move on order to Rohrwiller and be prepared to support 2nd Bn. in attack on Herrlisheim and come in from west
- 2220 S-2 called - no artillery S of grid line 16 - only one town to be attacked in morning, Rohrwiller, 2 rounds of artillery E of CP
- 2340 White flare to front 2nd Plat "I" Co - 1 round air burst E of 2nd Plat, claim they could see muzzle blast vicinity Rohrwiller

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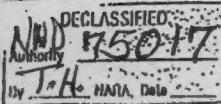
- 6 Jan - 0015 White flare 30° from 2nd plat "I" Co.
- 0110 "I" reports 8-9 rounds heavy artillery to right 2nd Plat.
- 0250 "I" reports rifle fire in woods to direct front 2nd Plat.
- 0930 Bigwig 3 to S-6 - to be prepared to follow 2nd Bn. to Rohrwiller on orders
- 1035 Bigwig 3 to S-3 - to leave "K" Co in town to protect SE section; to be prepared to move 2 Co's to Rohrwiller on order
- 1245 Bigwig 3 to S-6 - to move to Rohrwiller as soon as 2nd Bn. clears town; 3rd Bn. to attack Offendorf after 2nd clears out Herrlisheim; will probably be hour until order comes to move
- 1510 Bigwig 3 to S-6 - to move to Rohrwiller at once - Bn. starts move
- 1650 Troops closed into Rohrwiller and set up in defensive positions "K" on left, "L" on right and guarding bridge site; "I" guarding N side of town. CP located in town 125174 1/25000 Haguenaau 3-4 NE



6 Jan - 1845 Bigwig 3 to S-6 - 3rd Bn. to move tanks to Bischwiller and then down other side of river; then to proceed to Herrlisheim regardless of what 2nd Bn does; also reported 2nd Bn got 4 tanks across bridge in southern tip of Brusseleheim, then bridge broke
 1950 Bigwig 3 to S-3 - Plat of Engrs to construct bridge, "I" Co. to cross squad and provide protection
 2345 Bigwig 2 to S-1 - location 2nd Bn: "X" in E side of Brusseleheim; "Y" western section of town; "G" at farm located S of woods and on E side of Korn River
 2350 Bigwig 2 to enemy positions - AT positions 124.8, N of that foxhole along river SE Bischwiller, some enemy foxholes. 12 foxholes, 126160; 2 man foxholes either side of road. Positions dug by GI's and improved by enemy, face NE

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7 Jan - 0020 40th Engrs at GP - to build bridge tonight; "L" Co. notified to supply squad for protection
 0520 "X" Co. reports artillery and mortar fire in field to right front 2nd Plat.
 0530 "L" Co shoots illuminating flare to illuminate front
 0600 "L" reports tank noises to front of where bridge is being built
 0620 Enemy tank fires round into town
 0630 "L" reports tank now in vicinity dug-in positions at factory
 0640 Concentrations fired vicinity - reported tank positions
 0705 Gn. Co. firing and adjusting concentration 3
 0745 "L" reports vehicle - probably tank - moving in; Gn. Co. fired and will adjust fire
 0755 "L" reports 3 tanks around factory
 0850 "K" to send patrol into woods E of town
 0910 "K" reports trucks with enemy have gone into woods E of town; "I" Co to move to left flank town
 0915 "K" reports patrol didn't get to woods - received fire as they approached
 0920 "I" Co. supported by 3 tanks - to move in and clean out woods E of town
 1005 Officer from 1st French Div at GP - on run to bring up tanks and inf. - 2 brigades to attack Gumbshain and Herrlisheim
 1045 "K" report tanks left factory and headed towards woods - "I" Co. alerted
 1050 "I" Co. now at stream
 1055 "K" reports 6 trucks plus enemy inf. on road heading towards Brusseleheim
 1110 Tankers report knocking out vehicle
 1130 Tankers report knocking out 2 tanks
 1145 2nd Bn. reports column approaching, 9 vehicles
 1150 Bigwig 2 - Ft. Louis in enemy hands
 1240 S-3 to S-6 - Can see very definitely 4 tanks burning
 1335 Enemy inf. and 2 tanks observed assembling 13851600, reported by "I" - artillery being fired
 1405 "I" reports artillery fire very accurate - 5 tanks now approaching
 1420 Enemy inf. heading towards "I" Co. positions - driven off by S/A fire
 1535 "K" Co. reports tank firing on road from Rohrwiller to Bischwiller



7 Jan - 1645 "I" reports 12 enemy heading towards factory; "P" Co. reports 1 tank knocked out
 (Con't)

1815 "L" Co. patrol reports they went about 300 yds beyond 2nd bridge; report enemy faking dead on ground to their front (enemy gave position away by coughing); reported planking needed for stone bridge as large hole has been blown

1845 "I" reported enemy tanks moving towards Herrlisheim; other vehicles moving direction Brusselein; enemy front 2nd plat yelling "You Yankee Bastards"

1935 "I" reports one tank running at high speed from left to right, down main road to Herrlisheim

1950 "I" reports 3 tracked vehicles plus several trucks coming down road from left to right

2020 "I" estimates that to present 5 tracked vehicles and 10 trucks have passed from left to right; checked with 2nd Bn and they report same; phoned Bigwig that because of great activity it is probably being brought from across Rhine

2030 "L" Co reports flare sighted by outpost, between town and Bischwiller in front of woods their left

2055 "K" reports tank noises in back of factory

2115 Increased tank noises reported around factory

2120 Bigwig 3 to S-3 - plans for 1/8 - Co GCO's meeting called

2125 Right OP "I" reports 5 orange flares over position

2200 I Co. reports sound of mortar firing 600 yds to front middle plat. Co GCO's meeting - 3rd Bn to cross bridge supported by tanks and move down and clean out factory area, proceed N to Brusselein and clean out southern section of town; be prepared to move east to Little Rhine and clean out enemy between there and Rhine, proceeding south, to have support Co of tanks; "I" plus supporting tanks to remain in position until move is made N from factory area; Time 0800 - N part of Herrlisheim to be smoked at 0800. Artillery support as troops jump off. "L" to lead followed by "K" - 12 Armd CC to follow through at 0900 and attack Herrlisheim

2355 Latest reports given to Bigwig - to give bridge condition at 0200

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8 Jan - 0015 "L" reports tank coming down road from Bischwiller - report believed erroneous, to double check

0025 "I" reports enemy MG fire from front plat - also sounds of tank 500 yds to front

0050 "I" reports that total 16 tanks, 6 trucks and unknown quantity of smaller vehicles have gone down road passing from left to right

0120 "I" reports that 2nd plat hears noises, talking, handling of weapons, etc. - to indicate a line has been built across front 2nd plat.

0130 Engrs report bridge to be finished about 0300-0400, no report 2nd bridge; artillery hit to front .50 cal. MG section

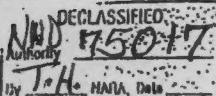
0140 "I" reports small engine to right front 1st plat. moving from left to right, appears to be unloading equipment - originally came from right

0210 "I" reports sound of pounding near where Engine was working and heard, enemy heard yelling for more wood

0300 Bigwig reports our own Engrs will place demolitions on new bridge

0330 Enemy 50 yds front "I" or firing rifles and burp guns, "I" returning fire

0500 Tank movement to right front "I" Co. - trucks pulled out and went



8 Jan - right; no noises since trucks left
 (Con't) 0815 Bridge uncompleted and tanks will be unable to cross; to go up to Bischwiller and come down the other side of river; A & P to move embankment so concrete bridge can be used; report point setup, when tanks reach there they will await artillery and smoke preparation

0805 "I" reports 15 enemy infantry where RR and road cross; also report mortar set up behind RR embankment; artillery fire adjusted

0815 Tanks at report line - awaiting artillery preparation

0825 Tanks awaiting infantry - all they have is plat. that rode with tanks

0835 Infantry now moving out with tanks

0950 Tanks ask for artillery fire to be lifted in factory area

1025 Tanks now at factory district

1040 Tanks report that bridge in factory district is completely destroyed and there appears to be no place where crossing can be made

1045 Concentration in town - mortar, artillery and direct fire

1105 Additional artillery in town near CP - Bigwig 3 wounded

1125 Plat of Engrs reported on way down to put in bridge

1130 Artillery landing in town

1135 "I" reports possible gun position 153148

1225 Artillery hitting near CP - "L" receiving artillery fire

1235 Engrs from 12 Armd report unable to span bridge in factory area with treadway; have requested Bailey

1305 Bigwig 6 to S-6 - must get men across river even tho' it means leaving tanks behind; part of "L" Co. reported to have crossed

1350 Tanks report enemy smoking area where road crosses RR

1415 "I" Co. receiving casualties from artillery and mortar

1435 Bigwig 5 to Bigwig 2 - 12 Armd to go down west side of river and their Engrs. will put in bridge in factory area

1450 Bigwig 5 to Bigwig 2 - report 12 Armd started moving 1430

1610 I and F to maintain contact by patrolling

1730 Bigwig 6 to S-6 - to continue original plan at 0745 in morning

1925 Scattered artillery and mortar fire on factory - "L" Co. line out - to keep troops pushed out so Engrs can work on bridge

2215 "L" Co. report movement to front - artillery fired

2340 "L" Co. reports Engrs began work on bridge at 2330

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9 Jan - 0205 "I" reports receiving artillery fire

0230 "I" reports orange flare directly over their position

0250 Tanks moving to "I" right front

0605 SP gun firing at pill box occupied by "L" - forced to evacuate pill-box - infantry to front, artillery firing to break up possible counter-attack

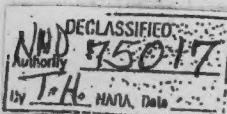
0835 Tanks raking open fields with MG fire after movement is noticed by "L" Co.

0905 Column of prisoners moving towards bridge - 12 in all - gave up after MG fire by tanks - turned over to armored infantry

0925 Tank located in factory area - reports knocking out enemy tank between main road and RR about 800 yds outside Herrlisheim

0930 Tankers report enemy tanks and vehicles massing on E side main road from Herrlisheim

0940 Artillery concentration in town

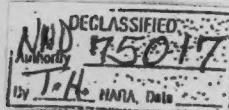


9 Jun - 1010 Bigwig 6 at CP - CG has ordered "L" Co to make bridgehead by advancing as far as they can be covered by tanks
1205 "L" Co. has 22 prisoners - claim they were out of amm, more PW's possibly - but afraid to give up because of own artillery
1220 Only 2 prisoners arrive at CP - rest taken back by CGS 12 Armd
1240 "I" Co. reports outpost pinned down by MG fire - to maneuver tank to bring fire on MG
1245 Bigwig 6 to S-6 - report that armored infantry have one Co in Herrlisheim
1330 Radio message from Bigwig - 12 tanks, 18 ren vehicles have broken through vicinity Hatten
1405 Heavy concentration artillery in town
1420 Enemy has laid smoke barrage between "L" Co at factory and town
1705 Everything reported quiet by Co's
1820 "L" reports counter attack from left front
1845 Tank coming up road towards "I" Co.
1910 Fire from right and left flanks into "I" Co.
1920 Tanks firing MG in sweeping fire over attack area
2020 "L" reports things have quieted and under control
2240 Bigwig 3 to S-6 - Armored unit out of contact with infantry in Herrlisheim

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10 Jun- 0030 Burp gun firing in vicinity of factory
0045 Burp gun firing down road into "L" Co.
0115 Our tanks firing on enemy digging in to front "L" Co.
0130 Rcn of 12 Armd report breakthrough into town - Hq. Co. alerted
report proved erroneous
0235 Bigwig 5 reports that 12 Armd in contact with unit in Herrlisheim
and claim they have been reduced by two thirds; will attempt to
get out other troops tonight
0330 Bigwig 6 to S-6 - very likely we will attack in morning, but
get everything possible across river to hold bridge
0440 "L" Co. receiving mortar fire
0450 Tanks firing harassing MG fire into smoked area front "L" Co.
0500 CG to our right to pass through "L" at 0530
0600 10 tanks and infantry pass thru "L" Co.
0910 Artillery barrage in town
0935 Artillery barrage in town
0940 S/A fire heard to left in 2nd Dn area - 2nd reports putting on
demonstration
1110 Co's report all quiet.
1320 Tankers report MG fire coming from left tip of woods - I & K
report no knowledge of firing - believed to come from tip of
woods near Drusenheim
1535 Nothing to report
1845 Bigwig 6 to S-6 - 12 Armd to evacuate inf. and tanks from Herr-
lisheim - Co's notified - Liaison O from unit to contact our CP
2330 Bigwig calls - units on right start out 45 minutes - 2 tanks or
halftracks with wounded on way out now

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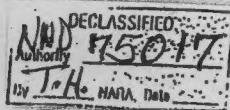


11 Jan - 0045 Bigwig 5 calls - unit on right has started tanks and men back
 0225 Bigwig 5 to Liaison 12 Armd at GP - movement GGB completed
 0315 "L" Co. firing concentration 95 at men on road - effect good
 0720 Enemy patrol to front "L" Co. - concentration 95 zoned
 0825 Vehicles moving to front "L" Co. from right to left
 0850 "L" firing artillery on troops to front
 1110 Artillery, mortars fired on enemy to front "L" Co.
 1305 GP moved to schoolhouse in town
 1325 "L" calling for mortar, artillery fire on small group troops
to front
 1425 Tankers report HE fire from 2 SP when they opened up with MG
 1845 "I" reports amber flares on left and right flanks
 2230 "L" reports 3 white flares to rear of "L" Co. - later investigation
found to be illuminating mortars fired at request of tankers after
seeing suspicious objects
 2255 "I" report 2-3 green flares rapid succession 250 yds to front
direction "L" Co.
 2305 "I" reports white flare at great distance to rear - right flank
"I" white flare vicinity factory
 2325 Artillery fire placed on concentration 28

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12 Jan - 0230 Bigwig 5 calls - due to heavy artillery fire being received,
units should be alerted before daylight
 0255 "L" reports one gun of battery firing falling short - Crowfoot
not firing; Chatterbox will check
 0300 "L" reports gun is still firing short
 0355 "L" reports S/A fire from 12 Armd area
 0445 Co's report all quiet
 0900 Bigwig 5 calls - report "K" send patrol to woods back of "I"
to check against possible infiltration
 1025 Artillery and mortars being fired into tree line to front "L" -
troop activity noticed
 1035 "K" patrol returns - nothing to report
 1125 "L" firing artillery at suspected CC position 2000 yds to left
front
 1140 Bigwig 5 to S-5 - CC of 14 Armd committed at Rittershoffen
reports good progress
 1150 Bigwig 6 at GP - nothing new planned; GGB 12 Armd report losses
in Herrlisheim were only about 20-30 men per Co.
 1200 "I" reports 1st plat (middle) captured 1 PW, wounded 1 this side
of stream; 2 other members of enemy patrol sought, stream reported
frozen and can be crossed
 1210 "I" reports they now have 4 prisoners including wounded man; all
of patrol wore white snow suits
 1515 Unit on right will smoke 3000 yd front, starting about 200 yds
to "L" right and extending to right to cover adjustment of troops
 1640 "K" reports lights near artillery check-point firing artillery;
"L" Co. firing artillery and mortars at tank concentration 28;
"L" also firing mortars at fire in gully
 2110 Hvy vehicle heard in vic of concentration 71; artillery fired
 2220 "L" reports enemy inf. 133167 - illuminating mortar fired -
MG fired by tanks - artillery fired

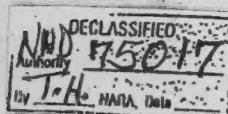
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13 Jan - 0050 Voices heard in vicinity of concentration 75 - Artillery fired
0125 Amber flare reported to right flank of "I" Co at 500 to 600 yds
"L" Co fired illuminating mortar at enemy activity area and concentration 95 - Artillery fired
0250 "K" Co reports receiving fire and hearing activity near concentration 71 - Artillery fired and area harassed; laid down for $\frac{1}{2}$ hr.
0430 Troop activity reported near concentration 75 - "K" Co fires art.
0705 "L" Co reports heavy vehicle movement vicinity RR station (cone 28)
Artillery fired, results unobserved due to fog
0815 "K" Co reports seeing muzzle blast of direct fire weapon vicinity concentration 28 - Artillery fired but fell too far to right
0835 Concentration 24 fired as direct fire weapon still reported firing front of "L" Co
0955 "P" and "K" Co's report enemy supposedly building something at east end of factory to their front. Liaison plane to observe - 2nd Bn to harass with mortars
1005 "L" Co reports concentration of smoke in front of unit to their right - Fired by 12 Armored to cover adjustment of lines
1315 Activity reported near check-point - "L" Co reports good effect on artillery fired
1325 Lt. Howard C O "K" reports personal check of stream and found it frozen
1410 10 men seen moving some construction toward RR 200 yds SW point 28 - Mortars fired
1440 Small arms fire heard vicinity "K" Co right pl - "K" Co reports firing on enemy and knocking one down - Tank fired on enemy 200 yds S "L" Co - No more activity reported
1505 Tank reported near concentration 61
1515 "L" Co reports red cross flag put up in vicinity RR station - Artillery fire to be held up for $\frac{1}{2}$ hour
1545 Air activity reported - Three jet-propelled planes reported in vicinity - Haguenau bombed after smoke shells were fired - Co's alerted and at first sign of enemy smoke we will throw smoke into Herrlisheim
1815 Enemy infantry heard near concentration 75 - Artillery fired
1840 Additional enemy activity heard vicinity 75 - Artillery refired
1900 Vehicles heard to "K" Co's right flank - Artillery fired
1945 Vehicles heard on or near main road moving from left to right
2045 Bigwig White calls - "P" Co spotted enemy tank moving into position and firing three rounds - At approximately 195 degrees from "P" Co's OP - "K" Co asked to observe and see if they can locate tank
2230 Several rounds of artillery land in town

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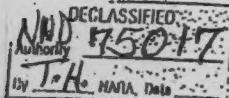
14 Jan - 0140 Bigwig reports big gun firing from Buhl - Believed to be RR gun either 170 or 280
0325 "K" Co reports tank 150 yds to right of concentration 75 firing into White - White fired artillery on tank
0420 "K" Co reports sound of timber falling near concentration 75 - One round WP fired followed by two normal volleys
0805 Bigwig 2 to S-6 - 30 man patrol infiltrated through 56th Armored Infantry and have not been apprehended - Co's alerted



14 Jan - 0930 Enemy seen left of point 28, possible assault gun position - Artillery fired
 1110 Direct fire weapon fired 18-20 rounds at church steeple in town
 1200 Four tanks reported to right of "L" Co firing direct fire upon town - tanks alerted
 1435 "L" Co reports two tanks knocked out right of RJ and RR 1400 yds to their front
 1720 Co's alerted for possible counter-attack at mid-night - Information given by PW
 1845 "L" Co firing artillery on vehicular movement 300 yds right RJ - Effect good
 1955 Co's report movement of vehicles to front - "L" Co places movement vicinity point 28 - Artillery fired
 2020 Three enemy vehicles reported moving from left to right - stopped vicinity 28
 2050 "L" Co reports flares to right front - 56th Armored Infantry reports they will fire flares during the night
 2125 "L" Co reports seeing light going on and off near RR station - fired on by GN Co
 2135 "K" Co observed white flare to right front - Fired on tank moving vicinity factory (concentration 75)
 2140 Bigwig reports air condition red - Co's notified - "K" Co reports red flare to front of right outpost
 2145 OP reports two flares at 160 degrees - "K" Co reports flares being fired vicinity 95
 2230 "K" and "L" Co's report vehicular movements in the distance
 2315 Searchlight or beacon blinked 8 times due east of town
 2400 White flare 400 yds to front of "L" Co OP

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15 Jan - 0005 Enemy tanks heard vicinity of factory - 2nd Bn called - Artillery fired with reported good results
 0055 "K" Co reports gun firing from vicinity of the factory
 0110 Bigwig reports the air condition red - Co's notified
 0120 "K" Co reports small arms fire coming from the direction of the factory
 0230 Tank activity at factory reported by "K" Co - Artillery fired
 0310 Mortars fired on enemy front of "K" Co OP where woods touch stream - Estimated strength of 10 to 15 and appeared to trying do something along the ice
 0415 Enemy reported working along stream near "K" Co - Artillery fired
 0550 "L" Co fired round of smoke on several trucks on main road moving to left - No further report of activity
 0630 Armored Infantry CP reports S/P gun firing into town seems to located northern edge of Herrlisheim
 0830 Tank transfer to be completed by 0900
 1050 Co's report no activity
 1310 Small artillery barrage lands in town
 1055 Enemy 8 to 10 men strength vicinity check point 1 - Artillery fired
 1745 "K" Co reports gun firing into town 80 degrees from center outpost Bn OP reports 95 degrees from their location - Artillery adjusted
 1950 Flakwagon fired into "K" Co from point 97 - Artillery fired
 2100 Patrol from white has not arrived - Check with White - There patrol was shot up by own outpost
 2250 12th Armored to make an attack at 0200 - Tanks at "L" Co to fire only if armored infantry troops are fired on



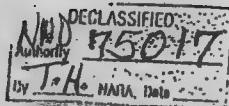
15 Jan - 2255 S-3 from the 12 armored at CP - Their Recon pl will pass through "L" Co at 0030 - "L" Co notified

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16 Jan - 0200 "L" Co reports 12 armored has jumped off
0225 "K" Co reports receiving artillery fire - 1 WIA
0705 Yellow flare reported to right of "L" Co
0945 "L" Co reports armored infantry reached RR and CR and appear to be about 300 yds from Herrlisheim
1015 to 1045 - Artillery barrage in town
1125 "L" Co reports that armored infantry is pulling back to phase line 1, small stream - Area being smoked
1130 Bigwig 2 to S-6 - French advancing behind rolling barrage and meeting little opposition into Gembshain - Counter-attack at Herrlisheim - Other CO of 12 armored has just entered le Steinwald woods
1140 "L" Co reports armored infantry is pulling back into Rehrwiller to reorganize
1215 Artillery being fired to help cover withdrawal of armored inf.
1330 Patrol to woods N of "K" Co report all clear
1455 Bigwig 6 to S-6 - CCA reported to have cut RR between Offendorf and Gembshain, trying to get tanks across; 12 Armd have no FO's with Armd inf., to try and get fire thru tanks attached to 3rd BN
1505 "L" can see troops moving along RR near road; firing artillery and mortar cones. A-B-C
1550 LO from Armd Rec at CP - 2 pls of Recon will be on our right - to tie in with "L", going into position about dusk
1700 DF wpn firing from left of "L" - mortar cone, "G" fired
1710 Infantry moving left to right near road - artillery fired
1825 DF wpn reported to front of "K" - Possibly flakwagon - unable to definitely locate
1840 Bigwig - 12 Armd to stage another attack tonight
2045 Possible counter-attack toward "L" Co. - "M" Co and tanks alerted
2130 Counter-attack stopped by artillery and MG fire from tanks - "L" reports all quiet
2150 Mortars fired on possible enemy movement to old positions to "K" right front
2230 Enemy activity reported by "K" - mortar cone "G" fired
2345 Officer from 12 Armd at CP - Inf ready to move out; two bridges to be laid down - 1 near "K" Co area, other near mortar concentration "G". Co's notified

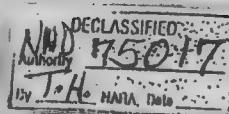
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17 Jan - 0100 "K" reports vehicle and enemy at cone M12 - artillery fire with indefinite result
0130 "L" reports Armd Inf passing thru
0200 "L" heard wagon out in front
0325 "K" can hear wagon moving to left - believed stopped near river forks
0440 "K" heard wagon moving from factory toward cone 139
0515 Tanks passed through "L" Co carrying construction material for bridge



17 Jan - 0600 S-3 714 Tank Bn at CP - Cavalry has pushed ahead and Engrs building bridge; tanks will pass as soon bridge completed and build up line along RR tracks - tanks carrying 6 men advance then go into Herrlisheim in conjunction with attack GGA coming from behind town and approaching to left front; GGA has tanks across main road between Gumbshain and Herrlisheim
 0730 "L" says Cav unit is pulling back - bridge uncompleted
 0915 Bigwig 3 to S-6 - "Y" Co outpost under artillery fire, pulled back and report enemy activity across stream; "K" Co alerted, artillery fired on factory site, possible crossing area
 0945 White reports our left flank open, 4 or 5 enemy seen, quiet at present
 1000 Bigwig - 8 tanks and enemy inf in Resselsheim
 1005 Two white smoke shells land in "Y" Co area - "Y" fires 2 mortar smoke to front
 1045 HQ Co listening post set up in woods to N of "K" Co.
 1050 "I" patrol reports woods in "Y" Co area clear
 1145 Bridge outside Rohrwiller reported knocked out by tank falling through - repairs being made
 1200 Regt I-R that unit to N of CRT in woods was attacked this morning, have regained ground and are preparing to attack to the N
 1205 Tank reported going N along highway from Herrlisheim towards RR station
 1230 HQ patrol to N reports they contacted tankers on hard road; found right flank 242 122.5; - Artillery fire coming into Brusseleheim from SE also in SE tip of woods to our left, S/A fire and artillery in NE tip of Bois de Soufflenheim
 1245 White 3 to S-3 - heavy fire to N of their position in woods where enemy are in contact with 242
 1445 Bigwig 3 to S-3 - counter-attack 6 tanks, 200 Inf from Offendorf, direction Herrlisheim; GGA has Bn tanks N main road between Gumbshain and Herrlisheim; other Bn tanks N of Herrlisheim with infantry and tanks occupying 2/3 Herrlisheim
 1450 Bigwig reports 3 volleys 6 rockets landed in "Y" Co area - no damage
 1510 Friendly tanks crossing bridge at factory
 1530 .50 Cal. MG report bridge repaired
 1625 "Y" reports 2 green and white flares 250 yds front-center pl - can hear enemy shouting vicinity RR
 1640 GGB has jumped off and 4 tanks and 2 pl of enemy have already crossed bridge
 1740 Bigwig 3 to S-6 - Bn alerted for move to Soufflenheim; "K" to remain present position
 1750 "L" reports other unit has withdrawn across river
 1800 Bigwig 3 to S-6 - on possible move "L" Co will remain instead "Y"
 1825 Bigwig 3 to S-3 - Unit on right tonight will be the same as other night
 1915 Bigwig 6 to S-6 - Only "I" Co will move, to be attached to 1st Bn move to Bischwiller at once and entruck
 1930 S-3 of 12 Armd unit at CP reports that their unit attacking from Rohrwiller were pinned down by intense MG fire from RR tracks; had understood that part of GGA was approaching from NE Herrlisheim
 2204 3 prisoners sent in from "L" - 1 killed en route to CP by guard in town when PW didn't halt when challenged

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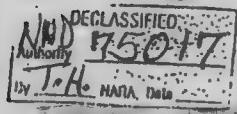
17 Jan - 2150 12 Armd in Herrlisheim will step off 0400 from Herrlisheim in
(Cont'd) tank and infantry attack towards Bousenheim - Co's notified

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- 18 Jan - 0215 Blue OP 2 green flares went up in Herrlisheim after heavy shelling
0830 "L" reports men in creek bed to left front
0835 Bigwig 3 to S-6 - to remove charges from bridge in "L" Co area -
CCB will jump off at 0900-0930; CCA did not jump off 0400
0915 "K" can see enemy walking around vicinity RR track - can see
enemy tank between RR and main road - our tanks to maneuver in
position to fire
0940 Possible enemy artillery OP vicinity check point 1 reported by "K"
1005 "K" reports that possible tank to front is one of 3 knocked out
tanks
1010 "L" reports that patrol from unit on right is going to cross
bridge and work to left
1015 Bigwig 2 to S-6 - "I" Co and 1 Co from CTB to be committed to
clean out Bousenheim
1050 40-50 rounds artillery concentration lands in town
1250 12 Armd reports they will lay extensive artillery barrage to front
"K" Co at 1345 - "K" OP to pull back
1345 Bigwig reports enemy have crossed Little Rhine below Bousenheim
1440 Troops working down creek towards RJ near "K" Co
1505 Enemy aircraft over area
1535 "K" reports smoke shell in their right pl area
1630 Attached Artillery S-2 reports all Herrlisheim in enemy hands;
also report part of Bousenheim in enemy hands
1730 Tankers say all tanks withdrawn except 3; 3 to go "L"; 2 to "K"
1900 "L" Co reports they were driven out of pill-box by artillery and
about 20 minutes later enemy blew up pillbox
2045 S-2 from 56 Armd Inf at CP - tie in plans worked out with "L"
2055 Bigwig 5 to S-6 - details and boundaries of defense position
given 12 Armd; CCA has pulled out Herrlisheim
2140 92 Cav Officer at CP to coordinate town defense
2210 OP reports 2 white flares 1000 yds SE town
2215 "L" reports 8 man enemy patrol came into right rear, scared off;
headed towards town left side of road
2225 Barb-guns firing into town - "K" and Hq. Co alerted
2235 Believe volume of fire means more than patrol operating near town
2240 Firing still going on - 2 tanks from "K" to come in with Inf.;
tanks to come from Bischwiller, go out towards "L" and spray fields
2250 92 Cav to run patrol 3 armored cars and jeeps
2305 56 Armd Inf men left positions between "L" and bridge - "L" to fill
in gap until manned again
2315 MG at bridge report that no enemy have crossed bridge - believed
to have come in left of bridge
2335 Tanks arrive from Bischwiller and are raking fields between
bridge and "L" Co with MG fire

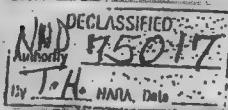
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- 19 Jan - 0110 Artillery barrage in town; artillery S-2 reports 12 Armd has taken
prisoners from 10th SS Pz Div
0210 Artillery fired at activity about 300 yds N of crossing RR and
road, lights seen; enemy believed trying to recover knocked-out
tanks



19 Jan - 0235 8-3 56 Armd Inf at OP - reports PW taken claims 3 Co's were in attack and will attack again in morning; 12 Armd to build line with tanks along road to "L"
 (Cont'd)

0400 "L" reports contact made with unit on right
 0410 Enemy activity reported around zone 99 - white flare to right front
 0555 Considerable MG fire reported to far right front
 0730 Blue OP reports contact made with Regtl I-R
 0800 Blue OP report they are out of contact with Regtl I-R
 0815 Recom troops have pulled out; tanks on right board moving to Bischwiller
 0855 "L" reports 10 enemy dead from bridge to 100 yds to rear - reported killed by RR last night; 1 PW being sent to CP, proved to be from Prunelberg Div SS
 0930 Bigwig 3 to 8-6 - Bessenheim almost retaken; situation in Bois de Bessenheim not so good
 0935 56 Armd reports their troops making house to house search in town have found no PW's
 0950 56 Armd Inf report they have no troops along canal; 1 Co alerted for move, have not sufficient men
 1005 Enemy Infantry and vehicles fired on by artillery - across stream and on road to Brusenheim
 1100 Blue OP pulled back
 1115 4 trucks reported on main road heading for Herrlisheim
 1140 "Y" reports truck towing large gun on road Herrlisheim to Brusenheim; "L" reports enemy tanks with infantry 1500 yds to left front NW Herrlisheim
 1210 Bigwig 3 to 8-6 - GCB reports enemy tanks and troops to right of Herrlisheim; 12 Armd has been out of contact with tank Bn in woods SE Herrlisheim for over 40 hrs
 1215 "K" Co firing artillery on trucks moving on main road from right to left
 1235 Air bombing and strafing near RR by friendly aircraft
 1305 Replacements arrive - "K" - 21; "L" - 12
 1355 Bigwig reports "Y" Co located in woods N Bessenheim
 1400 Officers from 36 Div at CP - their troops are outpost eastern edge of Bischwiller; one Bn en route to Rohrwiller with tie in with "L" Co and help outpost town
 1510 "K" reports column of troops moving right to left near zone 827
 1530 Artillery fired on enemy troops moving
 1540 Pl of tanks report in town
 1630 "L" reports tanks and infantry moving to right of Herrlisheim towards Bischwiller
 1640 Artillery liaison reports there Bn has info - Weyersheim is under heavy attack
 1700 Bigwig 3 to 8-6 - "L" Co to blow bridge and fall back; building up around town and along road from factory to bridge into town
 1810 "L" Co was unable to blow bridge because defective charges; to send new explosive with 6 man patrol to plant charges and blow bridge
 1830 Bridge at factory covered by direct fire and S/A fire, unable to set new demolitions; blowing of bridge in town responsibility 56 Armd Inf.
 1850 "K" Co still receiving artillery and S/A fire
 1910 "K" reports enemy between them and "Y", to hold left flank of line back to protect flank



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(Cont'd) 1930 "K" reports enemy have fired flare from rear of their CP
"K" falling back - to build up along main road Rohrwiller,
Drusenheim

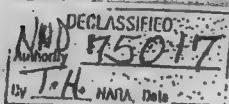
- 2025 Enemy has moved in on left flank "K" firing bazookas and S/A;
"K" falling back and building up on line around cemetery out-
skirts Rohrwiller
2040 Section of tanks arrive in town to help defenses
2110 Bigwig reports 2nd Bn is getting fire from all sides; tanks
reported in Drusenheim
2230 Bigwig 6 to S-6 - out of contact 2nd Bn; sending Bn from 103
Div to tie-in with "K"; Bn of tanks 12 Armd in woods SE Horrlis-
heim captured, believe some were used in attack on Weyersheim
that was repelled
2355 Bigwig 6 to S-6 - no word from 2nd Bn report infantry had come
across RR tracks, while tanks had come into town from NE

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- 20 Jan - 0215 Co's report everthing quiet
0400 Bigwig 3 to S-6 - 2nd Bn ordered to make breakthrough at once,
about 65 men from "Y" have worked themselves out, ordered to
leave about 2230 by CO 2nd Bn
0415 Unit on right reports only activity is shelling
S/A fire heard was S of Bischwiller
0610 Bigwig 3 - unit on left is in position and digging in; will send
us 300 radio frequency
0730 Frequency of unit on left 10
0915 Bigwig 6 to S-6 - to withdraw from Rohrwiller at 1830 and set up
in defensive positions on Eastern edge Bischwiller tying with
36 Div on right and 1st Bn on left; to send officer to Regt at
once to recommitte positions; 1 Co of 36 Div to act as covering
force in Rohrwiller until 0800; about 80 men from "Y", 20 from
"G", 4-5 from "E" and several from Hq Co only men back from 2nd
Bn, report enemy infantry
1530 OP located Bischwiller RR 0810 Nord de Guerre Zone
1610 "Y" Co and men from "E" and "G" attached to 2nd Bn, "I" Co to
be in Marienthal as Regt reserve
1830 Co's start move from Rohrwiller
2245 Co's now in new defensive position - "K" on left, "Y" - "L" on
right

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- 21 Jan - 0315 All Co's report no activity
0545 Co's report no activity in there sector - "L" Co can hear firing
to there far right
0905 Bigwig 3 to S-3 - Fighting in woods to our right is around
Weyersheim and has been going on all night but everything is under
control
1015 S-3 and S-6 leave CP to inspect defensive position - Bn OP to be
set up in Oberhoffen
1330 OP in water tower reports tankless infantry in woods to E of NE
sector Weyersheim
1600 Tanks reported moving across front of unit on right towards our
sector
1610 Nine tanks observed moving from left to right of road from
Rohrwiller to Bischwiller
1700 Bridge in town has been blown



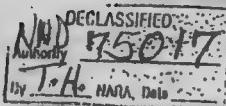
21 Jan - 1710 Rotate Blue reports 8 half tracks at 1710 moving W and NW
 (Cont'd) 1715 OP reports one tank moving down road towards OP
 1730 OP driven out by tank and infantry riding going toward Camp Oberhoffen
 1745 Tanks seen NE Bischwiller - Artillery fired
 1820 Tanks reported to be firing into town from vicinity of blown out bridge
 2015 Harassing artillery fire being fired into Oberhoffen at possible tank location near church
 2315 Biscuit White reports three TOT's to be fired into Oberhoffen at 0100

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22 Jan - 0855 Bigwig reports unit on left of Red firing at enemy tanks and infantry at 08102134
 0745 "K" Co reports two enemy tanks moving away from Oberhoffen
 1035 Bigwig 6 to S-6 - Officers from CP3 to inspect defensive positions
 1145 "M" Co MG section with "K" Co report 20 enemy 1000 to 1200 yds left of church in Oberhoffen - Returned to woods before artillery could be fired
 1205 Bigwig 3 to S-2 - Six half tracks, 12 to 20 mm seen to right of Oberhoffen and some vehicles in town itself - 20 to 30 vehicles were observed at 0919
 1310 "N" Co reports 10 tanks moving from woods N of Oberhoffen towards town
 1530 "P" Co reports five tanks moving to our front on right flank of "K" Co
 1610 HVG CT5 moving into Marienthal
 1620 AT platoon to fire into gaps between buildings in Oberhoffen - Later reports of setting house on fire
 1640 "P" Co estimates that there are 200 vehicles in woods N of Oberhoffen
 1710 Five TOT's to be fired into Oberhoffen 1830 - Artillery reports enemy moving into Schirrheim
 1855 Lt. Gammie reports four man enemy patrol moving front of "K" Co towards "L" Co
 1910 Unit on right to start laying mines in about hour along river bank from bridge to our right flank - Tank reported firing from 200 yds N of church in Oberhoffen - Artillery fired
 1930 "F" Co reports own men fired on out post - 2 WIA
 1940 OP reports tank firing from 3 degrees azimuth at 1000 yds
 2020 Bigwig 3 to S-2 - PW reports Bn 21st PZ Div with SP guns in northern part of Haguenau
 2125 OP reports fires still burning to right of church in Oberhoffen
 2350 Co's notified that unit on right is starting to lay mines

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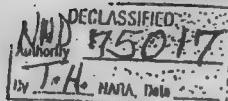
23 Jan - 0850 Bigwig reports 4 trucks and 7 tracked vehicles loaded with infantry on road from Camp Oberhoffen to SE to be taken under artillery fire - Troops unloaded and fanned out to E and W - Fuller on right to fire on group later - Identified as enemy in american uniforms
 0900 Co's notified that "F" Co is sending out out posts - Unit on right also called
 0950 Tanks heard in the distance - Probably behind Oberhoffen - "L" Co reports driving 20 man patrol back across river
 0905 Tanks to move into position near "K" Co
 0935 Rotate Blue has arranged for air mission on Oberhoffen



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- 24 Jan - 2300 Bigwig 5 to S-5 - Bn on 1 hour alert; keep trucks ready to move; enemy has made a breakthrough near Schweighausen, extent not known
- 2350 Bigwig 5 reports that enemy patrol was in Schweighausen; break in lines and loss of contact with companies caused by heavy artillery fire and companies pulled back, no physical contact, 3rd Bn still on 1 hour alert, 1st Bn has reconnoitered route
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- 25 Jan - 0135 Bigwig 3 to S-6 - enemy infiltrated around Ohlungen, several PW's taken; 1st Bn has moved near Schweighausen; all companies to be especially watchful anybody in GI clothing
- 0210 Co's closed in - trucks in Co's area
- 0325 Bigwig calls - have contacted enemy SE, SW and S section of Bois de Ohlungen
- 0615 Co's alerted to stand by vehicles for move to North
- 0645 Bn to move out at once to CR west of Kellendorf and await orders
- 0725 Bigwig 3 to S-5 - penetration 065225 between Haltenhausen and Hagnau; penetration N of Ohlwiller
- 0815 Bigwig 5 to S-2 - penetration has been made at Neuberg
- 0930 Troops detrucked Niederatderf and moving forward to attack woods Le Herrenwald
- 1020 CP now located Daudendorf
- 1115 CP moved to Uhlwiller
- 1145 S-3 reports enemy patrol operating to front
- 1230 "K" Co sending 15 prisoners down trail through woods
- 1235 "I" Co reports fire fight on left flank
- 1300 "I" now on road and in physical contact with unit on right; "L" reports no friendly units in contact on right
- 1335 9 prisoners by "K"
- 1340 "K" to go on "I" right flank; "L" to move up to rear of "K" to protect right flank there.
- 1435 "I" being pushed back and are within 200 yds buildings
- 1500 Artillery firing on 4 half tracks 980260 spotted by air OP
- 1610 Hq wireman brings back 1 PW captured about 800 yds outside town
- 1635 Artillery has knocked out 1 tank at 98103598
- 1715 "T" Co has sent back 5 PW's
- 1730 Enemy counter-attacking between "I" and "K"
- 1800 Armd now on line vicinity power lines along road NW Schweig
- 1830 "K" reports estimated 10 tanks on road to right vicinity 653
- 1945 Artillery being fired on tanks now heard to left towards woods
- 2050 Regt1 mine squad has put 26 mines on trail at 988256; to lay 24 mines on main road SE Neubourg 970262
- 2110 Bigwig 6 to S-6 - 3rd Bn to attack 0730 26 Jan; Armd will attack from Schweighausen to first bend in road; Bn 232 Inf to attack due N from Ohlungen; 3rd Bn to take over line from 156.8; 1st Bn to take over from 156.8 to Schweighausen; "L" Co to come up road with right flank at RJ 162.9; "I" Co to fill in on left flank with "K" swinging to right tying in with "L" to RJ 156.8; to organise and consolidate positions and will be relieved evening 26 Jan
- 2155 Bigwig called - supplies for tanks en route; "I" Co to call tankers and have guide in Neubourg
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- 3 Jan - 0500 Artillery still falling short on "K" - have had casualties during night
- 0700 AAP squad clearing minefields in preparation for attack
- 0750 Attack jumps off
- 0825 Co's report they are about 300 yds from objective, have met no opposition
- 0840 "I" - "L" report they are on objective - to send patrols to other side road to see if its clear - unit on right is about 100 yds from road; have met no opposition
- 0905 Unit on right is up to road; "I" to establish defensive line from unit on left to 149.9 along edge of woods N of main black top road
- 1030 "K" reports S/A, MG fire to left "I" - firing mortars and artillery to left 153.9 possible source of fire
- 1130 "I" has reached edge of woods and is consolidating position
- 1300 Officers 101 AB Division at OP, reconnoitering positions and will relieve 3rd 1800 tonight
- 1545 Artillery firing on Mark VI tank with 1 pl Inf on edge woods NE Neubourg 968268
- 1615 Artillery firing on tank and infantry coming out of woods to E
- 1810 Relief of Co's by 101 AB Div now complete, not to leave until reserve Bn of 101 has arrived; then will be released by Task Force Wahl
- 1815 GP located Niederschaffelsheim

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- 27 Jan - 0015 Bn released - to entruck to Niederschaffelsheim
- 0245 Co's reported closed into town
- 0800 Arrangements made to send troops for showers in Brumath
- 1400 Bigwig 6 to S-6 - 3rd Bn to relieve 3rd Bn 242 in positions SE section Haguenau on night 28 Jan; to send Recon party there after dark tonight to look over area

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- 28 Jan - 1205 Trucks with us to pick up "P" Co at Bigwig 1500 and take them to 1st Bn
- 1530 GP located 0450 2260 Haguenau 7-8 1/25,000
- 1715 Advance party "L" Co bring in 4 prisoners who had been hiding in house next to "L" OP for 3 days
- 2110 Relief completed of 3rd Bn 242 Inf - "I", "K", "L" --- "I" tied in with GT3; "L" with 1st Bn

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- 29 Jan - 0255 Checked all Co's - nothing to report
- 0845 "I" reports vehicles moving out of Haguenau on road parallel to front
- 1140 Bigwig - P-47 has fallen between Bischwiller and Haguenau - all Co's notified
- 1245 "K" firing artillery on farm buildings to their front - building set on fire - 32 enemy running from building - cone 247
- 1320 "I" firing artillery enemy digging in to their front
- 1400 2 mortar rounds landed 50 yds rear "K" GP
- 1600 Bigwig 3 to S-6 - Div has ordered 2 raids a week to be made to take PW's
- 1810 "Y" notified that "L" will have patrol in factory in attempt to grab any enemy patrols



29 Jan - 2050 Patrol from "L" will have to wade stream as ladder broke
(Con't) 2110 "I" OP heard 3 trucks moving west into Haguenau
2235 "K" firing artillery and mortars in attempt to set buildings
to front on fire

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30 Jan - 0250 4-5 rounds mortar landed to front "L" CP - coming from left front
1045 "I" artillery observer reports shell from 150 mm landing near by
every 3-5 minutes
1410 Bigwig 3 to S-6 - to send out "L" patrol into factory again to-
night; "I" Co to send OP with possibility crossing stream
1540 Bings Blue to send combat patrol to Strange Farm, across by
factory north and left around farm - patrol may return thru
"I" area - patrol to wear white capes, - Co's notified
2045 CT3 got into fire fight - "I" reports hearing S/A fire to left
and orange and white flares, also heard burb-gum
2100 Bigwig 3 to S-3 - enemy patrol hit CT3 patrol as they went out -
CT3 patrol also fired on by own troops
2120 "K" reports S/A fire to left and right fronts
2300 Artillery being fired by "K" after seeing lights, sound of trucks
to their front near farm; artillery to further harass

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31 Jan - 0125 "L" reports enemy in factory - come in from East, "L" patrol
0350 withdrawn - "L" fired mortars on factory area
0905 "L" Co to S-6 - enemy patrol 8-10 men came in on factory from
right rear; "L" Co OP withdrew, fired mortars. - "L" to send
patrol across to factory now to check
1120 "L" MM reports 10-12 rounds enemy artillery fall into factory
area
1510 Bigwig 3 to S-2 - CT3 to send 2 pl out tonight 1930 after PW's -
Co's notified
1530 Lt Wolpert reports that enemy patrol came in on factory last
night from front
1900 "I" getting sniper fire from house on left in CT3 area
2115 Bigwig 6 to S-6 - French took Gamsheim today, found no enemy
2220 Bigwig 3 to S-6 - CT5 has PW from 10 SS Pz Div
2235 "K" can hear activity to front - horses, wagons and voices
2400 Bigwig - Bings Blue patrol returned without PW's; got into fire
fight with enemy OP which had withdrawn from farm to edge of
woods - artillery and mortars had to be fired to cover withdrawal
patrol; some casualties suffered

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